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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, GT

SUBJECT: FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE FROM GUATEMALAN PRESIDENT

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD  
IN RESPONSE TO HIS CONGRATULATORY GREETINGS:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE  
CONGRATULATING US UPON OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.  
I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU FOUND TIME TO  
SEND IT DURING YOUR FIRST VERY BUSY DAYS IN OFFICE.  
RICHARD NIXON. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI: WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF  
THE REPLY BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO ITS RELEASE BY THE GOG.  
LAUGERUD MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, WHITE HOUSE. CON MOTIVO MAGNO  
ANIVERSARIO INDEPENDENCIA ESE PAIS AMIGO HORAME ENVIAR A  
VUESTRA EXCELENCIA LAS SINCERAS CONGRATULACIONES QUE  
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FORMULO EN NOMBRE PUEBLE GOBIERNO GUATEMALA Y MIO PERSONAL

AL EXPRESAROS MIS VOTOS POR LA FELICIDAD DEL NOBLE PUEBLO  
ESTADOUNIDENSE Y VENTURA VUESTRA EXCELENCIA. RUEGO ACEPTAR  
EL TESTIMONIO DE MI MAS ALTA Y DISTINGUIDA CONSIDERACION.  
KJELL EUGENIO LAUGERUD GARCIA, PRESIDENTE DE GUATEMALA.  
UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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